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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON PENDING DISSIDENT TRIALS

1. PODRABINEK. DISSIDENT SOURCES INFORMED US JULY 2
THAT PODRABINEK'S LAWYER TOLD THEM THE INVESTIGATION
OF THE CASE WAS OFFICIALLY CLOSED JUNE 30. THE LAWYER
EXPECTS THE CASE TO GO TO TRIAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
HE REPORTEDLY SPECULATES PODRABINEK'S TRIAL MAY
COINCIDE WITH THE LONG EXPECTED GINZBURG TRIAL.

2. PODRABINEK REPORTEDLY DISCHARGED HIS LAWYER
AFTER THE INVESTIGATION PORTION OF THE LEGAL
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PROCEEDINGS WAS CONCLUDED, EXPLAINING THE MOVE
AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM AND
THE DENIAL OF PROCEDURAL RIGHTS SUPPOSEDLY GUARANTEED
BY SOVIET LAW. PODRABINEK IS SAID TO HAVE TOLD THE
LAWYER HE WOULD REMAIN SILENT THROUGH THE TRIAL
UNTIL THE SUMMATIONS PERIOD WHEN HE WOULD MAKE A
STATEMENT PROTESTING THE INJUSTICES OF HIS CASE AND

THE ILLEGALITIES OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

3. GINZBURG AND SHCHARANSKIY.. OUR SOURCES SAY THERE IS NOTHING NEW TO REPORT IN THE STALLED GINZBURG CASE. LEONID SHCHARANSKIY TOLD EMBOFF THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE TOLD HIM THAT "SOMETHING" WILL HAPPEN IN ANATOLI'S CASE DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. THEY SUGGESTED HE LISTEN TO VOA.

4. MARIYA SLEPAK. ACCORDING TO A FRIEND OF SLEPAK, MARIYA SLEPAK WAS STILL IN THE HOSPITAL AS OF JULY 2. SHE REPORTEDLY IS IN POOR PHYSICAL HEALTH AND IS QUITE DEPRESSED. SHE FEARS SHE WILL BE FORCED TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL SOONER THAN HER HEALTH SHOULD ALLOW AND THEN BROUGHT TO TRIAL ON THE MALICIOUS HOOLIGANISM" CHARGES PENDING AGAINST HER.

5. VOLANTI PAILODZE. GEORGIAN REFUSENIK SOURCES TELL US THAT VOLANTI PAILODZE, A CHRISTIAN DISSIDENT NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO US, WILL BE TRIED SOON IN TBILISI UNDER ARTICLE 206 OF THE GEORGIAN CRIMINAL CODE FOR SLANDERING THE STATE. SHE HAS REPORTEDLY SERVED A PREVIOUS PRISON TERM FOR THIS OFFENSE, WHICH IN HER CASE INCLUDES DISSEMINATING RELIGIOUS MATERIAL. TOON

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